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SUBJECT: UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S COMMENTS TO AMBASSADOR LEONARD ON CYPRUS QUESTION, AUGUST 31

1. SUMMARY: DURING MEETING WITH AMB LEONARD AUGUST 31, UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM OUTLINED PLAN TO PROMOTE RESUMPTION OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS: A) DE CUELLAR WOULD GO TO ANKARA AND ATHENS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR CONSULTATIONS; B) WALDHEIM WOULD MEET FOREIGN MINISTERS OF PARTIES CONCERNED IN NEW YORK AT START OF UNGA AND; C) WALDHEIM, ON BASIS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS, WOULD SEEK TO SET A DATE FOR RESUMPTION OF TALKS. WALDHEIM STRESSED THAT THERE MUST BE SOUND BASIS FOR TALKS WHEN THEY ARE RESUMED. END SUMMARY.

2. IN CONNECTION WITH THE MORNING'S SCHEDULED START OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) DEBATE ON CYPRUS QUESTION, WALDHEIM SAID HE HAD RECEIVED NO NEW COMMUNICATION FROM THE TURKSIH SIDE TO INDICATE THAT A DELAY IN START OF DEBATE COULD BE
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USEFUL. WALDHEIM ADDED THAT THE GREEK SIDE WAS PRESSING FOR AN EARLY START.

3. WALDHEIM HAD MET TURKEY'S PERMREP TURKMEN WHO HAD INDICATED SOME UNHAPPINESS OVER DENKTASH'S RECENT STATE-MENTS. WALDHEIM BELIEVED THAT TURKMEN HAD RECOMMENDED TO ANKARA THAT DENKTASH BE ASKED TO MODERATE HIS

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STATEMENTS. WALDHEIM DID NOT BELIEVE ANKARA WAS SEEKING
TO POUR OIL ON FIRE.

4. TURNING TO GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE, WALDHEIM SAID THAT
UNSC PRESIDENT LEPRETTE BELIEVED THAT CYPRUS FOREIGN
MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES MUST HAVE SOMETHING IN HAND WHEN
HE RETURNS HOME, BE IT A UNSC DECLARATION, STATEMENT, OR
RESOLUTION. ACCORDING TO WALDHEIM, LEGPRETTE FELT THAT
CHRISTOPHIDES WAS UNEASY OVER THE DRAFT RESOLUTION CHRISTOPHIDES HAD
CIRCULATED TO SELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. LEPRETTE REPORTEDLY
HAD SUGGESTED TO CHRISTOPHIDES THAT THE LATTER REFRAIN FROM
CIRCULATING IT FURTHER TO AVIOD EMBARRASSMENT SHOULDIT BE NECECCARY
TO MODIFY SOME OF ITS RATHER EXTREME POSITIONS.

5. WALDHEIM SAID THAT BOTH SIDES SAY THEY DO NOT WANT TO
IMPEDE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS. WALDHEIM STRESSED, HOWEVER,
THAT THERE MUST BE A SOUND BASIS FOR TALKS WHEN THEY ARE
RESUMED. WALDHEIM THEN OUTLINED A PLAN TO ACTION TO GET
THE TAKS UNDERWAY AGAIN:

A. WALDHEIM WOULD SEND PEREX DE CUELLAR TO ATHENS
AND ANKARA FOR CONSULTATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
B. WALDHEIM WOULD CONSULT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS
OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT NEW YORK
AT THE START OF THE UNGA.
C. ON THE BASIS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS, WALDHEIM
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WOULD SEEK TO SET A DATE FOR THE RESMPTION OF THE INTER-
COMMUNAL TALKS.

6. WALDHEIM NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT TURKMEN WOULD
LINE THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS TO PRECEDE UNGA CONSIDERATION
OF THE CYPRUS ITEM.

7. LEONARD SUGGESTED THAT WE MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN ENCOURAGING
RESUMPTION OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS. WALDHEIM ANSWERED THAT
SOME US PRESSURE ON THE TURKS COULD BE USEFUL. LEONARD
REPLIED THAT SOME PRESSURE MIGHT BE APPLIED TO BOTH SIDES,
SINCE BLAME FOR THE BREAKDOWN WAS SHARED B BOTH. LEONARD
EMPHASIZED THAT THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE IN THE WAY OF PROPOSAL
AND CUNTER-PROPOSAL IN THE TAKS SO FAR.

8. WALDHEIM WAS ENCOURAGED THAT CHELIK AND CHRISTOPHIDES
HAD AGREED TO TALK TOGETHER IN NEW YORK. HE HOPED THAT THESE
TALKS WOULD RESULT IN MORE THAN HAD THE DENKTASH-CLERIDES
MEETING AT HIS VIENNA DINNER LAST WINTER. WALDHEIM
LAMENTED THAT, WHILE RAPPORT AT THE DINNER HAD BEEN
OUTSTANDING, DENKTASH WAS A RIGIDAS EVER WHEN TALKS
RESUMED NEXT DAY.

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9. COMMENT: WALDHEIM HAD SHOWN STRONG EMOTION ON PREVIOUS DAY WHEN LEONARD HAD URGED HIM, IN A BRIEF ENCOURTER, TO PRESS FOR A RECONVING OF THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS. HE CLEARLY RESENTED ABSENCE OF GOOD FAITH ON EITHER SIDE TO RECENT ENCOUNTERS AND WAS UN-WILLING TO ALLOW HIS PRESENCE AT ANY TALKS TO BE USED BY EITHER SIDE TO FOSTER ILLUSION THAT GENUINE NEGOTIA-TIONS WERE UNDER WAY. URGUHART IS EQUALLY SKEPTICAL ABOUT GREEK AND TURKISH INTENTIONS BUT HAS BEEN MORE READY TO PRESS FOR ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL LAT LEAST AVOID OPEN BREAK ON TOTAL EVIDENT STALEMATE. WALDHEIM'S MORE POSITIVE POSITION REPORTED ABOVE IS PROBABLY DUR TO URQUHART'S URGINGS OVER PAST SEVERAL DAYS.

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